



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Sawyer County Board Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/99719807086> You can also use the dial in at **1-312-626- 6799** with the Webinar ID: 997 1980 7086. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the Sawyer County Forestry Office at 715-634-4846 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

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7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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8. REGISTER OF DEEDS UPDATE

- a. [ROD Monthly Report](#)

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9. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

10. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT

- a. [Surveyor August 2024](#)

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11. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- a. Recreational Trails Report
Motorized-
Non-motorized-
- b. County Forestry Report
- c. DNR Forestry Report
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12. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- a. County Report
[Conservation Department Update August 2024](#)
- b. USDA report
- c. LCO report

13. OUTSIDE COMMITTEE UPDATES

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

16. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the

committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

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Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Mission Statement: "Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our bio-diverse community."

**Minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: John Suralski
- ☒ Vice Chair: Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch	Andy Albarado
Jay Kozlowski - virtual	Brian DeVries
Brody Fischer	
Greg Peterson	
Jerry Wright	

Call to Order – Chair Suralski called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 12, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Kariainen Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided detailing activity in the office of ROD.

Events -

No requests

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Written reports were provided. The department performed several maintenance requests on GPS coordinates on corners within the county and installed approximately 100 new and replacement fire number signs in June. Eleven CSMs were reviewed. Three municipalities have scheduled their Boards of Review to take place within the next several weeks, with three municipalities still unscheduled for 2024. Mr. DeVries reported on the increase of office activity.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Mr. Wright reported out on non-motorized trail maintenance. They hope to have almost all of the Sawyer County Trail system rehabbed by the end of this year.

County Forestry Report –

A written report was provided and June had six sales to report. Rainfall has slowed activity down. Timber sale value on file is at \$4.6M and we are on target for making revenue goals for the year and there are three trail rehab projects underway.

Draper Road Project – The Forestry Department is applying for a grant program to promote sustainable forestry in the Town of Draper to improve access to a section of property. Mr. Fischer described the project boundaries and advised that it is a 100% grant funded program. A narrative description of the project was included. A motion was made by Mr. Neuman to approve the request to submit the grant; second by Mr. Kariainen. Motion carried without negative vote.

Non-motorized Trail Ordinance Update – E-bike Review – Mr. Peterson advised that CAMBA has submitted a request to formalize the proposal to allow Class 1 E-bikes on Sawyer County Forest trails. Mr. Wright advised that trail modifications that they are putting in place will accommodate safe use of the trails with these bikes. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson to approve the request to allow Class 1 E-bikes on the trails; second by Mr. Neumann. Motion carried without negative vote. This will require an update to our ordinance and 15-year Plan.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. As of the 15th of June, WI DNR had committed 2373.25 hours to Sawyer County. A couple projects are underway between Sawyer County Forestry and the DNR to improve access on the forest. Mr. Fischer provided an update on the DNR hours provided to Sawyer County.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Kozlowski advised that the zoning office continues to be very busy and start plans for the FishTrap Lake Dam project which will begin in the fall of 2025 and they continue to monitor water levels at the seven County-owned dams with all of the rainfall we have received this year.

USDA Report – No update

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that LCO has been dealing with daily nuisance bear complaints and the fish hatchery operations have been going well. The joint Chippewa Flowage management plan with the DNR continues discussions.

Outside Committee Updates --

Future Agenda Items –

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 9:04 am

Next Meeting: August 7, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

ROD Monthly Report

July, 2024

Activity	Number of Copies	Total Revenue including amounts to State
Emailed Copies		403
Counter Copies		276.50
Birth	61	795.00
Death	200	1043.00
Marriage	54	485.00
Divorce	4	63.00
Recorded Documents		3,108.00
Transfer Fees		81,291.00
Laredo		3,458.50

General:

Transfer fees down from June's transfer fees. Marriages up from June.



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County Surveyor's Report 8/7/24

Last month our department performed general maintenance and collected GPS coordinates on various PLSS corners in the towns of Hunter, Lenroot, Hayward, Round Lake, Bass Lake.

A few road projects are starting to wrap up throughout the county and we will be shifting our attention to re-monumenting those affected corners.

I reviewed 10 Certified Survey Maps in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Gregory
Sawyer County Surveyor

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DNR Forestry Report**

July consisted of the establishment of multiple timber sales on the county forest. Summer timber marking is going smoothly with a few more projects underway across the county forest.

The DNR will be continuing road improvements to the Parks Farm access road, off the Thornapple grade in the township of Winter. This access is vital to a wildlife management area for the WI DNR and public access to the county forest.

The Draper Road Project's Sustainable Forestry Grant application has been signed and submitted with all required supporting documents. The silvicultural exemption has also been passed, giving Sawyer County the green light to improve their access according to plan.

Report Submitted by Brody Fischer, DNR Forester, on July 30, 2024



Zoning & Conservation Department Update July 2024 – August 2024

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Monitoring water levels on the 7 County Owned dams. This year has been extremely busy with the rain amounts we have had.
- AIS work has been very steady. This includes Eurasian Water Milfoil mapping/checks on several different lakes, meetings/trainings for lake associations, and a CBCW behavior survey.
- Additional site visits conducted and ongoing. Conservation Staff has been assisting property owners with shoreline erosion projects, bufferzone restoration projects, and design work for potential cost share projects, and compliancy checks for other mitigation required practices.
- Completed construction of a cost-share project for erosion control on Lake Chetac.